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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 14 and 17 are pending in the present application. The Final Office Action states that claims 1-7 are allowed and claims 14 and 17 are rejected, but does not provide a status of claims 8-13 and 15-16. After a telephone conference with the examiner, according to the examiner, claims 8-13 are also allowed, and claims 15-16 are objected to for depending from a rejected base claim, claim 14. This status of claims 8-13 and 15-16 is reflected in a previous office action, and is to be confirmed by the examiner through a written notice following the telephone conference.

Claims 14-17 were cancelled. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 102, Anticipation

The examiner has rejected claims 14 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by *Alston et al.*, Add-on Card With Automatic Bus Power Line Selection Circuit, U.S. Patent No. 6,327,635 (December 4, 2001) (hereinafter "*Alston*"). This rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of claims 14 and 17 without prejudice.

II. Objection to Claims

The examiner has stated that claims 15-16 were objected to as being dependent upon the rejected base claim 14, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The objection is moot in view of the cancellation of claims 15-16 without prejudice.

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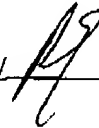
III. Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over *Alston* and is now in condition for allowance.

The examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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